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Eisenhower Rebuts Khrushchev On Role of Moscow in '60 Vote

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WASHINGTON, July 30 (UPI) —Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower dismissed as "silly" today Nikita Khrushchev's claim that the Soviet Union assured Richard M. Nixon's defeat in the 1960 Presidential election.

"I think he made up somethings," the general said of the former premier.

In a televised interview July 11, Mr. Khrushchev said Moscow had "made" John F. Kennedy President when it ignored an appeal by Mr. Nixon for the release of Francis Gary Powers, the captured U-2 pilot.

He said this had deprived Mr. Nixon of the 200,000 votes he needed to defeat Mr. Kennedy.

On the television show Issues and Answers, carried by the American Broadcasting Company, General Eisenhower said, Mr. Khrushchev had became angry in Paris when he told him: "If you think I'm going to apologize for something that I thought was for the good of my country, I'm just not going to do it, so you might as well go home."

General Eisenhower was referring to the U-2 incident.

"And of course he got very sore at that, "The general said. "Up to that time he'd thought I was quite a guy, apparently, But he said after that, we will just wait until there is a new President,' that's all he said."

"But his claim that he elected somebody is to my mind just about as silly as anthing else he's ever said," General Eisenhower said.

As for the former premier's picture of General Eisenhower as a rather weak President, unduly swayed by advisers, the general said he won a "contest of wills" with Mr. Khrushchev at Camp David, Md., in 1959.

The Soviet leader, General Eisenhower said, was determined to have a summit meeting. "I said never, as long as there's a Soviet ultimatum hanging over Berlin, I won't go. That's all there is to it. Well, he finally surrendered," the general said.

"Sure he didn't like anyone that he couldn't run over and that was that," he added.

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